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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
FEDERAL HORTICULTURAL BOARD.

SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1914.

PLANT QUARANTINE DECISION No. 5.

The Federal Horticultural Board recommends that the first paragraph of regulation 2 of the Regulations Governing the Importation of Potatoes into the United States, promulgated December 30, 1913, under the provisions of an order of the Secretary of Agriculture, issued December 22, 1913, be amended so as to read as follows:

REGULATION 2. *General conditions governing potato importations.* [First paragraph only.] Potatoes will be admitted from any country or well-defined district thereof not specifically mentioned in Notice of Quarantine No. 11, issued December 22, 1913, when it is determined by adequate field inspection conducted by recognized experts of the country concerned that such country or district thereof is free from injurious potato diseases and injurious insect pests, and such country must further agree to examine and certify all potatoes offered for export in compliance with these regulations: *Provided*, That the entry of potatoes will not be permitted from any country unless such country either has an effective quarantine prohibiting the entry into such country or district thereof of potatoes from any country or district under quarantine by the United States, or forbids by law the exportation to the United States of all potatoes not grown within the country, or district or locality thereof, from which the potatoes are exported: *Provided further*, That potatoes grown in a district which is believed by a duly authorized official to be free from injurious potato diseases, and which have at the time of the issuance of these regulations been taken from the ground and stored, may be certified after inspection as hereinafter provided in regulation 5.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., January 23, 1914.

REGULATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

Regulations governing the importation of avocado fruit and nursery stock into the United States, under the provisions of the order of the Secretary of Agriculture, issued February 27, 1914.

REGULATION 1. *Definition.*—For the purpose of these regulations, the term "avocado" shall be understood to include all the different species and horticultural varieties of the avocado or alligator pear.

REGULATION 2. *Nursery stock permitted entry.*—The importation of avocado nursery stock over 18 months of age may be permitted from Mexico and the countries of Central America under the permit and other conditions governing the importation of other nursery stock, as prescribed in the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, dated May 21, 1913, designated as Circular No. 44, Office of the Secretary; but the importation from the countries named of avocado nursery stock less than 18 months of age is forbidden, pending further investigation of the avocado weevil and of possible means of disinfecting the seeds.

REGULATION 3. *Fruit permitted entry.*—The importation of the large variety of the fruit of the avocado, known in Mexico as pagua, from Mexico and the countries of Central America, will be allowed under the permit and other regulations governing nursery stock, as prescribed in the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, dated May 21, 1913, designated as Circular No. 44, Office of the Secretary: *Provided, however,* That the importation of such fruit shall be strictly limited to the ports of entry designated in the permit, which ports of entry will be so named as to confine the importation of such fruit to regions of the United States where there will be no danger of infestation resulting from the entry of the fruit. The entry of such avocado fruit from the countries hereinbefore named will be permitted only when such fruit is shipped by the water or rail routes specifically indicated in the permit.

REGULATION 4. *Fruit prohibited entry.*—The importation of the small, purple, thin-skinned fruit of the avocado from Mexico and the countries of Central America is forbidden, pending further investigation of the avocado weevil and of possible means of disinfecting the seeds.

REGULATION 5. *Notice of arrival.*—Immediately upon arrival at the port of entry the permittee shall notify the Secretary of Agriculture, on forms provided for that purpose, stating the number of the permit, the quantity of fruit or nursery stock included in the shipment, the country and locality where grown, the name and address of the exporter or shipper, the port of departure, and the date of arrival. At the same time a copy of such notice shall be sent by the permittee to the duly authorized inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture at the port of entry as designated in the permit. Permits may be canceled and other permits refused if the permittee fails to give either of said notices or gives a false notice.

Lists of inspectors and officers may be obtained from the collector of customs or the Federal Horticultural Board, Washington, D. C.

The above regulations are hereby adopted, effective February 27, 1914, and shall be considered and read as a part of the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, under date of May 21, 1913, designated as Circular No. 44, Office of the Secretary: *Provided, however,* That the conditions expressed in regulation 6 of said regulations governing the admission into the United States of nursery stock for experimental purposes in limited quantities shall not apply to the nursery stock and fruit restricted by the foregoing regulations.

B. T. GALLOWAY, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 27, 1914.